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## GAS INDUSTRY NOW THREATENED

### A Turn For The Better

### Fuel Crisis Latest

London, Feb. 13.

The British fuel crisis took a turn for the better to-day and the Government was expected to decline with thanks President Truman's offer of American coal shipments.

Cabinet Ministers and Mr Attlee's new Joint Commission on the coal emergency probably will discuss Mr Truman's offer of American assistance to-morrow.

Speculation that Britain would decline the offer was based on these factors:

1. The immediate crisis was due primarily to snow and storm-bound transport. The National Coal Board estimated that 1,000,000 tons of coal were above ground awaiting shipments.

2. Any coal shipped from the United States would arrive too late to help in the immediate crisis.

3. Britain would hesitate to spend more of her dwindling dollar reserves.

#### STREETS DARKENED

Street lights all over England, Scotland and Wales were switched off in a return to wartime blackouts to-night as another conservation measure. Only busy intersections and areas where public safety might otherwise be endangered were illuminated.

Even lighting on such busy thoroughfares as Oxford Street, Regent Street, Charing Cross Road and Whitehall were halved.

First reports from areas to which electricity restrictions were extended to-day for the first time indicated comparatively little saving effected. Both in South Wales and in Scotland, consumers were confused over instructions. In south Wales, saving was only one-eighth.

London Power Company officials, however, reported response in London to-day was better.—United Press.

#### TRUMAN'S OFFER

Washington, Feb. 14.

President Truman yesterday said that the United States is ready to do everything within its power to relieve the plight of Britons in the present fuel emergency.

In a statement, the President said that it may be possible to divert to Britain a number of colliers now at sea in the vicinity of Britain which are carrying coal to other European countries.—Associated Press.

#### LYONS CUT OUT LUNCHES

London, Feb. 13.

Lyons—Britain's largest restaurant chain—announced that as of to-morrow, most of its corner houses and restaurants would not serve luncheons because their power had been cut. Two leading hotels—the Cumberland and Regent Palace-owned and operated by Lyons, were included in the order. The Strand Palace, another Lyons' hotel, has its own generating plant and so is not affected.—United Press.

#### EDITORIAL

## Britain Rolls Up Her Sleeves Again

BRITAIN has had to roll up her sleeves again in a "We can take it, and we can break it" gesture, facing up to the stark fact that the country is beset with a crisis almost as grave as Dunkirk. But this time it is not a question of fighting on the beaches and in the lanes against a tangible foe, but of battling with nature and of striving to withstand the demoralizing effects of an economy devastated by a world war. Britain, said a news agency despatch from London yesterday, has put back on a wartime footing, and the same report describes the joint committee of Cabinet Ministers, coal, electricity and railway executives as being the equivalent of a General Staff in wartime. This is probably a fair evaluation, serving to place into correct perspective the seriousness of the situation.

From this distance, Hongkong watches the plight of Britain with sympathy and anxiety. The situation has advanced beyond the arena of party politics (even assuming any one political party could be held exclusively responsible either through policy or action). This is evident by the apparent willingness of the opposition to enforce an immediate debate in the House of Commons. Mr Churchill, despite his vitriolic criticism last Monday, probably appreciates that concerted action at this time has more value than rhetoric. The verbal annihilation of political opponents can be very satisfying, but it contributes nothing to the immediate problem—getting enough coal through snowed-up areas to industries and power plants.

Britain, it is certain, will survive this ordeal as she has hundreds of others—though not with scars. And in due time there will be the usual inquest, which may help to make clear a lot of things to us out here: Why were not the people of Britain given ample warning, either by government or through their national newspapers of this impending disaster? To what extent does the socialist programme of the Labour government affect, or contribute to a situation that obviously was potentially, if not actually dangerous when the war ended? In short, just whose fault is it that Britain has reached this parlous state of mass unemployment and misery due to shortage of coal?

London, Feb. 13.

The Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, told the House of Commons to-day that Britain's supply of fuel for power had improved slightly, but warned that there was cause for anxiety now in the gas industry.

The Prime Minister, making an up-to-the-minute report on the fuel crisis that had stopped all but the most essential of the nation's industries, said 75,000 tons of coal were saved between Monday and Wednesday as a result of the drastic current cuts.

He said the general power stocks of coal at the nation's generating plants were now sufficient for about nine days' normal operations. In London, however, there was only about a week's stock at six main power stations. Mr Attlee announced.

He also said the drop in power consumption at the nine a.m. cut-off this morning was slightly less good than yesterday's.—United Press.

"The critical drop in coal stocks for the moment has been arrested, but the position remains dangerous until those stocks are brought up to the safety level," Mr Shinnwell's statement, which was released at a press conference, said.

It also said the drop in power consumption at the nine a.m. cut-off this morning was slightly less good than yesterday's.—United Press.

At the worst, the coal stocks earlier had dropped to four days' supply.

"The situation remains critical,"

Mr Attlee said. "The coal stocks of gas undertakings give cause for anxiety, particularly in London, where stocks, in general amount to about nine and a half days' consumption—considerably lower in some cases."

Mr Attlee announced that 12 ships carrying 24,000 tons of coal had reached London in the past 24 hours and between noon Tuesday and noon to-day 51 ships in all had left North-east ports, carrying 400,000 tons for London.

SHIPS ON THE MOVE

Thirty more ships carrying 25,500 tons left North-eastern ports for other destinations in that same period, Mr Attlee said. Six ships were tied up, but more than 31 others were expected to move to-day, he added.

The Premier reported that the railways of Britain moved more coal as a result of the passenger service cuts announced last night.

And he sombrely read to the House the weather forecast of continued cold weather—but no gale and no fog.

"This means," he said, "that although the loading of wagons and ships still is slow and difficult, we can keep seaborne coal moving."

He advised the Commons that the "danger spots are the North-east and Midlands areas".

#### SCHEDULE UPSET

The housewife—this rationed segment of the population now has her cooking schedules upset. If she uses gas, that is threatened to Sunday "Joint" may never go fully cooked. Many homes, already short of coal for heating, now have their electric heaters turned off five hours a day. And with lights out during the dark days there is little comfort left in the home.

The shopkeeper—he is working in candle-lit, gloomy, and ice-cold stores.

Office workers—with elevators halted, they climb the steps and work in overcoats by candle light, lanterns and hurricane lamps.

Banking—electric accounting machines are paralysed, ledger posting is done by hand.

School children—schools dependent on electric heating are not affected, but hot mid-day meals are curtailed. No schools are closed because of the fuel shortage.

Travel—delayed or canceled altogether because of transportation tie-ups. Suburban electric trains curtailed.

#### LESS RADIO

Radio—the BBC has cancelled for the duration its high-brow "third" and television, and shortened other programmes. Millions of receiving sets are silent.

Newspapers—they have reverted to war-time size until further notice; to conserve electricity and newsprint supplies which are scarce because of transport difficulties. Periodicals are suspended.

Sports and other entertainment—greyhound racing is banned. Many soccer matches are off because of cancelled trains. Steeple chasing is irregular because of cold weather and transport difficulties. Cinemas closed until 4 p.m.

Food—cake and pastry baking prohibited but no other ration food-stuffs endangered.—Associated Press.

#### Faith Also Needed

New York, Feb. 13.

The New York Times commented in an editorial to-day that the rally in the value of China's wildly plunging currency suggests that complete collapse in that unhappy nation may not be as near as seemed to be in recent weeks.

Continuing the editorial said: "The recovery may only be temporary. But not even monetary stabilization can save the situation unless the people still retain some faith in their government's assurances that the crisis can and will be controlled."

It would be a lamentable mistake for us to regard this situation as China's problem alone.

It is also an American problem and an acute one. . . . The United States has been China's steadfast friend. We cannot afford to abandon her to chaos." —United Press.

But it is not his lunch that worries Chang most. It is his wife and three children whose mouths also must be filled and over whose heads a roof must be kept.

Up to a week ago, things were not too bad. Prices had been fairly stable for a month. There was money for boiled rice for breakfast and boiled rice, a few vegetables and an occasional bit of meat or fish for dinner. Now, there is money enough for only boiled rice and soup—which means less rice and more water. There is no money for oil to light the shabby one-room home.

NOW HE'S BAREFOOT

With prices going up daily and with money worth less and less, Chang has given up buying four pairs of straw sandals monthly, which he used to keep his feet off the cold pavement, at CN\$1.00. And now he goes barefoot in near-freezing weather.

Other refreshments also have been necessary. The children have reluctantly given up the free school in order they may roam the streets, picking rags and gathering

bits of wood for the cooking fire.

True, Chang makes more money now than ever before. With good luck he can make CN\$25,000 daily and on

but "ay-yah, the ricksha rental." The official rate for hire is CN\$45,000 for an eight-hour shift. But one cannot expect

owners to let rickshas out these

times at such a ridiculous rate. So Chang must pay a black market price of CN\$10,000.

His humble dwelling costs CN\$700 daily and the noon meal must be "eaten out" at a curbside stand at a price of about CN\$2,000. With careful management and good fortune, Chang may be able to take home CN\$6,000 at the end of the month. But with rice selling at CN\$150,000 per picul, and dealers reluctant to sell even at that price.

Chang has only one meagre con-

sideration. He knows his lot in many respects, is better than that of Li.

THE PROBLEM OF THE CLERK

Li's earnings are pegged to the official cost of living index. His CN\$700 basic monthly salary is multiplied by an index figure which on January 31, was 6,000. That gave Li a monthly salary of CN\$420,000 which is worth, when paid at the end of January, about US\$65, but at to-day's rate of exchange is worth only US\$35.

On that Li must meet the present month's expenses which since February 1 have gone up from 80 to as much as 400 per cent.

Li cannot eat at Chang's cheap street stalls without irreparable loss of face. He must continue to send wedding and birthday gifts and meet other social obligations. His children must continue going to school properly dressed.

Chang massages his bare feet with his hands for warmth and tells you he is sorry for Li. At least Chang can't argue with his friends in an attempt to increase his earnings as prices rise. But Li must wait for the end of the month and the new cost of living index, and then must live through the same torment watching his money depreciate while prices soar.

"Ay-yah. How can?"

It has been like that for months, and it is much worse now and no prospect of improvement.

Economists know it as "inflation"

and discuss it in learned terms its

cause and effect. Chang and Li live

it in personal terms—misery,

poverty and hunger.—United Press.

COMMISSIONER RETURNING

M. Ramadier said that Admiral

Thierry D'Argenlie, French High

Commissioner in Indo-China, would

probably return to Paris at the begin-

ning of next week.

"The Admiral has injured his leg

and his trip was put off until he

could send him a plane in which he

could make the journey comfortably," he explained.

The Prime Minister described the general military situation in Indo-China as "favourable for the French troops."

"We obtained important suc-

cesses at Hue (coastal city 300

miles north-east of Saigon), he said.

"French troops have occupied the

entire city and at some points have

penetrated beyond the city limits."

"A column from the inland prov-

ince of Laos has almost reached

Hue and is expected to join up with

the troops who have freed the city.

I can say that Hanoi (chief city of northern Indo-China) is almost

deprived of its troublesome elements."

—Reuter

STOP PRESS

Sai On Inquiry

Opens

The Marine Court was crowded

this morning when the official in-

quiry was opened to investigate the

Sai On disaster which occurred at

5 a.m. on February 4, when the ves-

sel caught fire with great loss of

life. Before the courtroom opened

at 10 a.m., many Chinese had arrived

and they quickly filled up the

limited accommodation.

Fire-blackened exhibits were

brought into court by the police.

The Court comprises Mr Jolly, Harbour Master, Lt-Cdr. J. F. R. Crews, R. N., and Mr Pittard.

The Court was opened by the

President reading the royal warrant

convening the Court, followed by the declaration that the Court was open.

Mr Jolly then adjourned the Court

until 10:30 a.m. in order that the

members of the Court could visit the

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# If you don't like the play in New York, you can read the programme

**T**HIE differences between the New York and the London theatre are as complex and varied as the differences in the politics, the language and the tempo of the two countries.

No wonder the experts so often fail in trying to estimate whether a success can be repeated on the other side of the Atlantic compared with London.

The audiences in New York are cold and undemonstrative. I have attended three smash hits in the realm of musical comedy and no matter how well the dancers do their job, nor how lustily a tenor soars to B flat, there is hardly enough applause for them to reach the wings.

The theatres, after the American fashion, are so overheated here that it is not only a joy but a necessity.

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*Women*  
**BEAUTY ARTS**  
By LOIS LEEDS



This smartly titled casual has a soft, unblocked look. Fashioned of Royal Purple heavier felt and seamed by a Purple veil, dotted in three tones of mauve chenille.

**STAR SHINE!**

This season you can have real Star Shine through the choice of a hat. Even Hollywood stars are wearing hats. Women everywhere know the importance of a hat. So here is some Hat Line News!

**Golden Touch!** The Midas touch is displayed in gold lacquered feathers and veils, in gold braid and in entire hats of gleaming gold. Laddie Northridge, New York hat sensation, who has always been lavish in the use of glitter and sequins, is trimming hats with real 14-karat gaucho and gold embroidery! Brangard, American designer, has dreamed up fabulous sailors of a "gold" mesh. They are breathtakingly dramatic!

The volume market is joining in the Gold Rush and you will see gold beads, gold kid and all sorts of golden highlights to dress up felt and fabric hats.

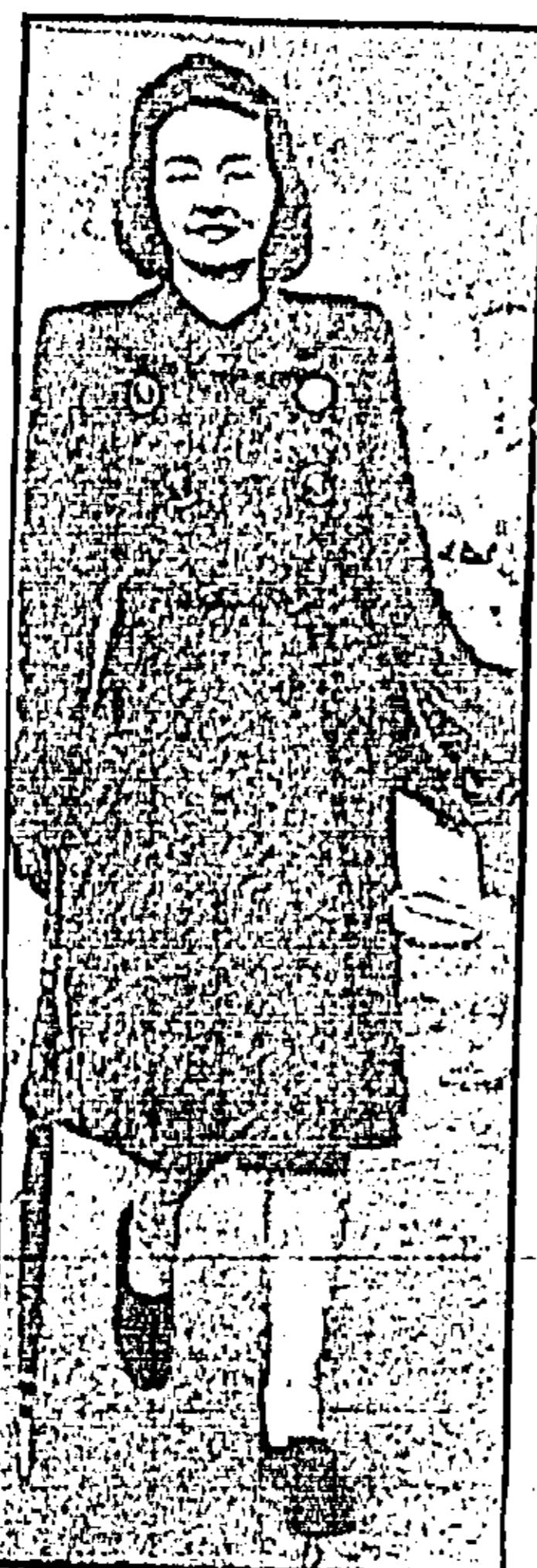
**Hats On!** In the Mood of Elegance, which prevails in the Fall scene, are the Conversation Piece hats for dinner and theatre wear. Dinner hats are often large, with wide brims, encircled with ribbons and plumes; theatre hats are small, cap-like affairs, holding the coiffure in place and looking exceedingly chic. And they are flat enough to be kept on during the performance! So nobody says, "Please remove your hat!"

**Teeners Too!** Small wonder that the Teeners are "dressing up" and wearing smart little hats! Designers

have turned their talents to creating wearable, fluttering berets, stocking caps, cloches and all manner of crocheted and knitted caps. Because these Teen Age hats fit and are comfortable and have real fashion interest, it looks like a big year for Teener hats!

So, get a hat and you'll really Shine!

**Umbrella Girl**



Nicely-rolled umbrella and newspaper are the badge of a black-coated worker—this time of Miss Madeline Kerr, on her way to work in Piccadilly. Revers and neck flaps of the distinctive black wool coat are generously edged with black velvet. She wears velvet-blacked French gloves with black silk palms. Gilt and black buttons add sparkle. Hat is swathed green velvet, worn well back.

Try this to relieve tired feet. Dip the feet in warm, soapy water. Scrub them, then dry thoroughly. Pull on a pair of white wool socks which have been soaked in chilled witch hazel.

**SIDE GLANCES**

By Galbraith



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"Yes, I bought those white shirts for you the other day, but you can't wear them till I manage to find some laundry soap!"

## STAIRWAY TO STARS TASK FOR GIANT TELESCOPE

University of California astronomers have announced that a new "stairway to the stars," a 120-inch telescope, probably will be ready for construction this year.

The projected telescope will nearly equal in size the Mt. Palomar 200-inch telescope now nearing completion in Southern California.

The 120-inch giant will be constructed at the University's Lick Observatory, located atop 4,000 ft. Mt. Hamilton, near San Jose.

When completed, the 120-inch telescope can probe the mysteries of space 200 light years away. Multiplied into miles, that's more than 5,321,829,400,000,000,000,000 miles.

Let's astronomical figures regarding the Mt. Hamilton telescope reveal that it will consist of a 93ft. long tube weighing eight tons, a 16in. thick solid glass mirror resting in a huge 70-ton steel fork.

It will be completely motorised and housed under a dome 90ft. in diameter. Astronomers will hover about the "sky raider" on power-driven stairways and scaffolds.

To Study Milky Way

About four years will be required for its completion.

Prof. C. Donald Shane, director of the Lick Observatory, said the new telescope will be one of the most versatile instruments of its kind.

The Lick giant and the Mt. Palomar Bohemian will undertake cooperative research in order that there will be no duplication of effort.

Already Dr. Shane and his associates have laid out some of the work for the telescope which is yet in the blueprint stage.

For instance, he said, the "big eye" will be put to work studying surface features of the moon and planets by rapid photography.

Thus, if there are any Martians or Lunarians scurrying around Mars or the Moon, comparative photos taken in rapid order would ferret out surface movement or other signs of life.

Faint Stars

Another job for the 120-incher will be observations of faint members of the Solar system, which may bring to light new moons revolving around the other planets, or undiscovered comets.

Dr. Shane pointed out it is particularly important to determine the motions of these faint outer stars in order to understand the mechanics of the Milky Way galaxy, of which this earth is an infinitesimal part. It has long been suspected that the entire Milky Way is revolving in a slow, grandiose manner, much like a "slow motion" milk shake.

## NEW THEATRE SCHOOL IN LONDON

Miss Ellen Wilkinson, the Minister of Education, shortly before her death opened the Old Vic Theatre School in London, and announced that the Ministry of Education would make awards to enable students to attend the School and would also encourage local education authorities to award scholarships for the same purpose.

In a short address Miss Wilkinson said:

"The Old Vic Theatre School is part of the Old Vic Theatre Centre. It will include all the activities of the stage-training, research and development in all forms of theatre activity. This should ensure the right mixture of the theory and practice for the students."

"The Theatre in England has always flourished even under attempts to destroy it. The Old Vic since 1880 has led to the production of the best, believing that it will always be appreciated. Their success has shown that they were right."

Referring to the awards and scholarships scheme, she said: "At present only one-third of the students in the Acting Course get full fees. This is in line with our wish to see everyone trained for the job they can do best."

**SCOTTISH NEWSLETTER:**

## ROYAL SCOTS' DRUM LOST IN HONGKONG

By GARRY LUNZIE

The 2nd Battalion of the Royal Scots are stationed at Malta these days and very shortly they will be getting back a kettle drum that they thought they would never see again. It was captured by the Japanese at the surrender of Hongkong and was valued very highly by them.

The little yellow men sent it to Tokyo and it was placed in the war museum at Yasukuni Shrine which is one of the most famous shrines honouring the Japanese dead.

L. Col. D. T. Maxwell, commander of the British forces in the Tokyo sub-area, saw it and claimed it right away. The drum was removed from the museum, taken to the British Embassy, and for all to know is already "on its way" to Malta after a five-year absence.

Ocean Princess

Truly one half of the world does not know how the other half lives, and this was never truer than when applied to the fisherfolk of these islands of ours. While the large bulk of Britain's island population may get an occasional buffering from the weather, it is the hardy small boat seamen who wage ceaseless war against the elements at this time of the year.

And the Scots fishermen have more than their share. Yet like the majority of Britain's seamen they take their hardships as part of the day's work and are far from being talkative about them. And so the man who lives at Wigton or Northampton or any of our central areas gets little to remind him of the endurance of the mariners.

All this occurred to me when the story of the Aberdeen trawler, Ocean Princess, reached the Scottish press. It hardly warranted more than a line or two, if it got any, in the English papers.

The Ocean Princess was caught one night in a heavy storm off the northeast coast of Scotland. There was a howling gale and mountainous seas which tossed the little vessel about like a cork. Then one of the bunker lids was torn off by a wave. In next to no time the trawler was inundated. For 10 hours every manjack of the crew baled out with buckets while the wind howled and the decks were swept by giant waves. The vessel was helpless, for soon choked the pumps and the boiler fires were put out. Still the crew bailed on. And as well as bailing they had to shift a large quantity of coal.

Wireless Went Flat

The weather kept up its fury hour after hour and there were select showers to add to the discomfort. Wireless became worse and the wireless batteries went flat and messages could not be received. Then the ship's bedding was torn up and set alight to attract attention after flares had been lit at regular intervals.

After the 16 hours the seas died down, giving these gallant men a breather. They set to work to get the pumps working again and the boilers stoked up. After a while the engines were restarted. By this time the Ocean Princess had drifted along the east coast of the Shetlands and so eventually, some 25 hours after the mishap, they were able to make land at Lerwick, steaming into the harbour at two knots.

Mick Stanley, the skipper, lives in Aberdeen as do the rest of the crew, ten of them. I believe Stanley is an Englishman. For all that, he is one of the best known trawlersmen in Aberdeen. He said little about the ordeal, and his crew were just as uncommunicative. They gave the bare details although, in passing, one of the men remarked that they thought they were "jokers" several times. When the storm was at its height they never expected to get out of it alive.

No Fuss or Fanfare

What can one say as comment to all this? Were they heroes? They would laugh at you if you suggested it. Just honest men who do an honest job and do it well. No fuss or fanfare. A lot of us might take a cue from these men: "Britain's hardy sons, as the old 'salt' Fair Hardy would say... That is the story of the trawler Ocean Princess and her crew, surely ocean heroes."

In the advanced hasty hasty civilization we are supposed to enjoy in these islands of ours, I wonder if the English folk say a paragraph at the same time as the Ocean Princess story. It concerned the motor boat, Good Shepherd.

This vessel ran aground near the lonely island of Fair Isle in the rough weather. Fortunately, the crew and passengers were able to jump ashore after all the cargo had been unloaded.

At the time of writing, however, the Good Shepherd was expected to become a total wreck. And the population of Fair Isle would be marooned once again.

Spanish smugglers are making more than £5,000 a year.

The present routine is for cargoes to be taken to a reasonable distance off the English coast, particularly Kent.

The cases, in waterproof covers, are then slipped overboard by night, marked by a buoy. Later boats put off, locate the buoy, and take the contraband on board.

The organisation on the British side runs the cargoes in carts to London, where the liquor is sold at night clubs.

A noted authority on horses, Mr. T. M. Ingalls, of Forfar, has died.

Dundee dustmen came out in sympathy with the Glasgow dustmen

## DUMB-BELLS

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## London's New Stamp-Selling Machine

In the hope that it will be able to reduce queues and relieve pressure on its counter staff, Britain's Post Office is to experiment with stamp-selling machines at the public counters.

The machine which is now being tried experimentally at a London Post Office consists of a battery of six units delivering stamps of ½d., 1d., 1½d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., value in response to the depression of levers by counter officer. Surprisingly, the machine does not deliver the stamps direct to the purchaser but to the counter officer who has then to pass them over the counter.

The original plan was to try out a machine operated from behind the counter and delivering stamps direct to the customer. Its development is still in progress but certain difficulties have to be overcome.

The advantage of using a machine is that the counter officer does not have to turn over the leaves of a stamp portfolio to select stamps. It is contemplated that machines will only be used for selling small quantities of stamps at a time. For larger quantities it is quicker and more convenient to the Post Office and the customer to tear a compact block from a sheet.

It is hoped by means of experiments with the machines to determine to what extent the Post Office might be justified in going ahead with a programme to mechanise the sale of stamps at all counters.

## Sex Crime In U.S. Every 45 Minutes

"Rape is committed somewhere in the United States every 45 minutes, or 32 times every day," Attorney-General George Barrell told a meeting of Illinois prosecutors.

Mr. Barrell cited these figures from an F.B.I. investigation report, and urged a strong unified drive against sex criminals.

Sex crimes are a dangerous largely and alarming plague.

"Twenty-seven per cent of arrests for rape involved persons under 21 years and 49 per cent were under 25," he said.

who are on strike... Captain I. R. Geddes, BOAC pilot, who was killed with five others when his Dakota crashed at Ashford, Kent, was the son of Billie and Mr. Geddes of Edinburgh... Mr. James Thomas, Berwick-on-Tweed, salmon fishing expert, has died aged 91... there will be no Scottish National Folk Show this year... Mr. Churchill is to receive the freedom of Ayr in May... A German POW sings solos at Ratho Church near Edinburgh... Scottish Nationalists will not fight the Caithness and Sutherland by-election which will be a three-cornered fight with Sir Archibald Sinclair Liberal favourite to regain his old seat... Lord Norman, created a baron in the New Year's honours list, will be known as Lord Norman of Arbourde... the Clydesdale Bank have opened a branch at Prestwick Airport.

Sport

Dr. Aitken, Scots chess champion, finished ninth at the Hastings Congress... St. Andrews golf courses drew nearly £2,000 more last year—£5,000... George Robson, former Hearts half-back has been appointed team manager of Leith Athletic... former skating champion, Megan Taylor, is to wed a life man, Mr. Lindsay Ronald Mandeville Ellis... the Central Council of Physical Recreation will give a 50-minute show at Hampden on May 10 before the Great Britain-Europe football match... as the first post-war catch-as-catch-can novice wrestling championships at Dunfermline, Castle Douglas, Motherwell, will make an attempt on their 500 yards free-style record at Galashiels on February 16.

Rupert and Ninky—35



Rupert tells Santa Claus all he knows about the cloth donkey.

"He's made of Mummy's old curtains," he says, "and is stuffed with cotton wool." He started jumping as soon as he was made, but he only seems to jump when you don't want him to. "He's got no brains, so I don't call him a duncepoop, and I call him Ninky for short." At the moment Ninky started them all by shooting into the air and dropping back on the deck with a thud. "So he does work," gasps Santa Claus.

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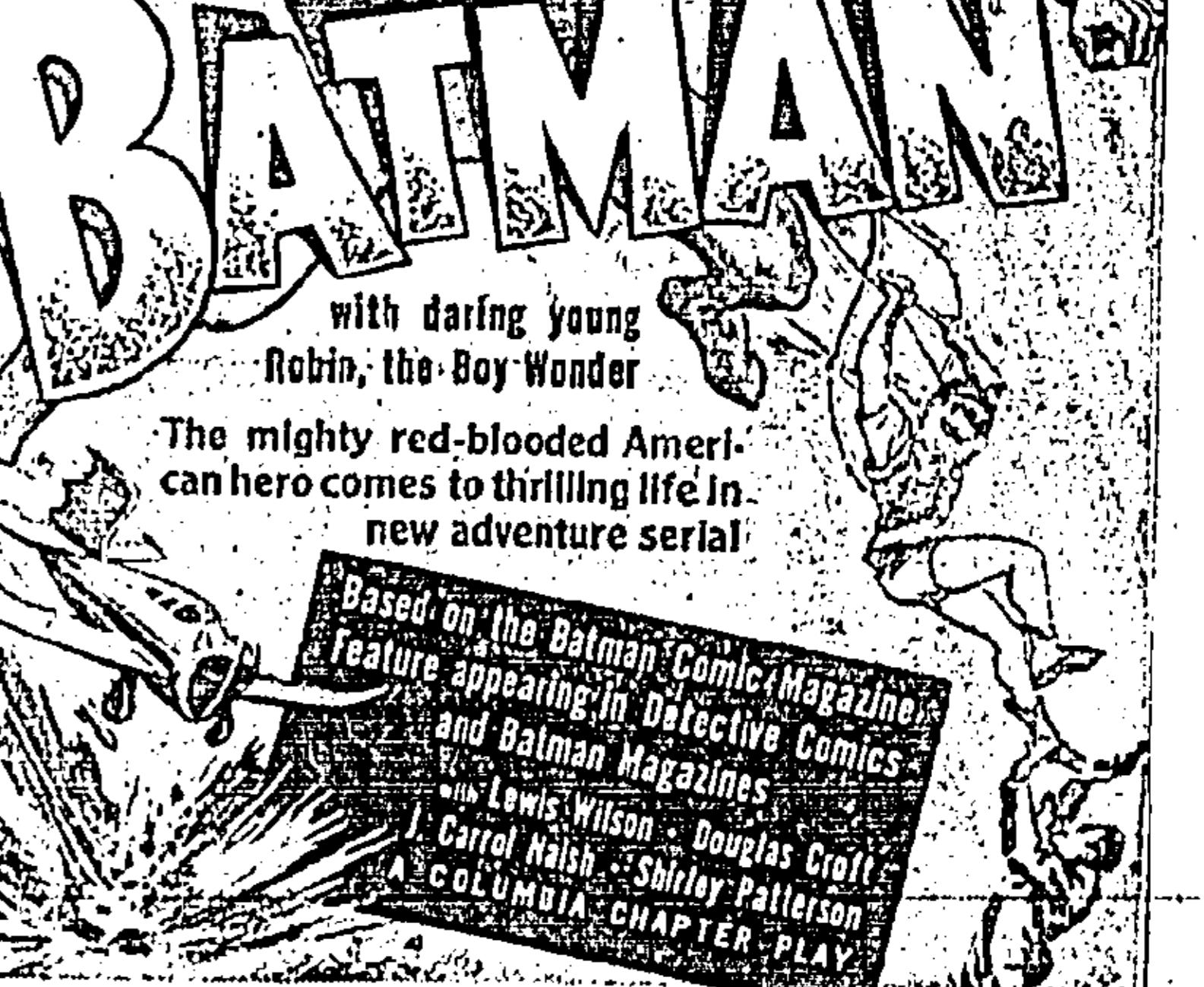


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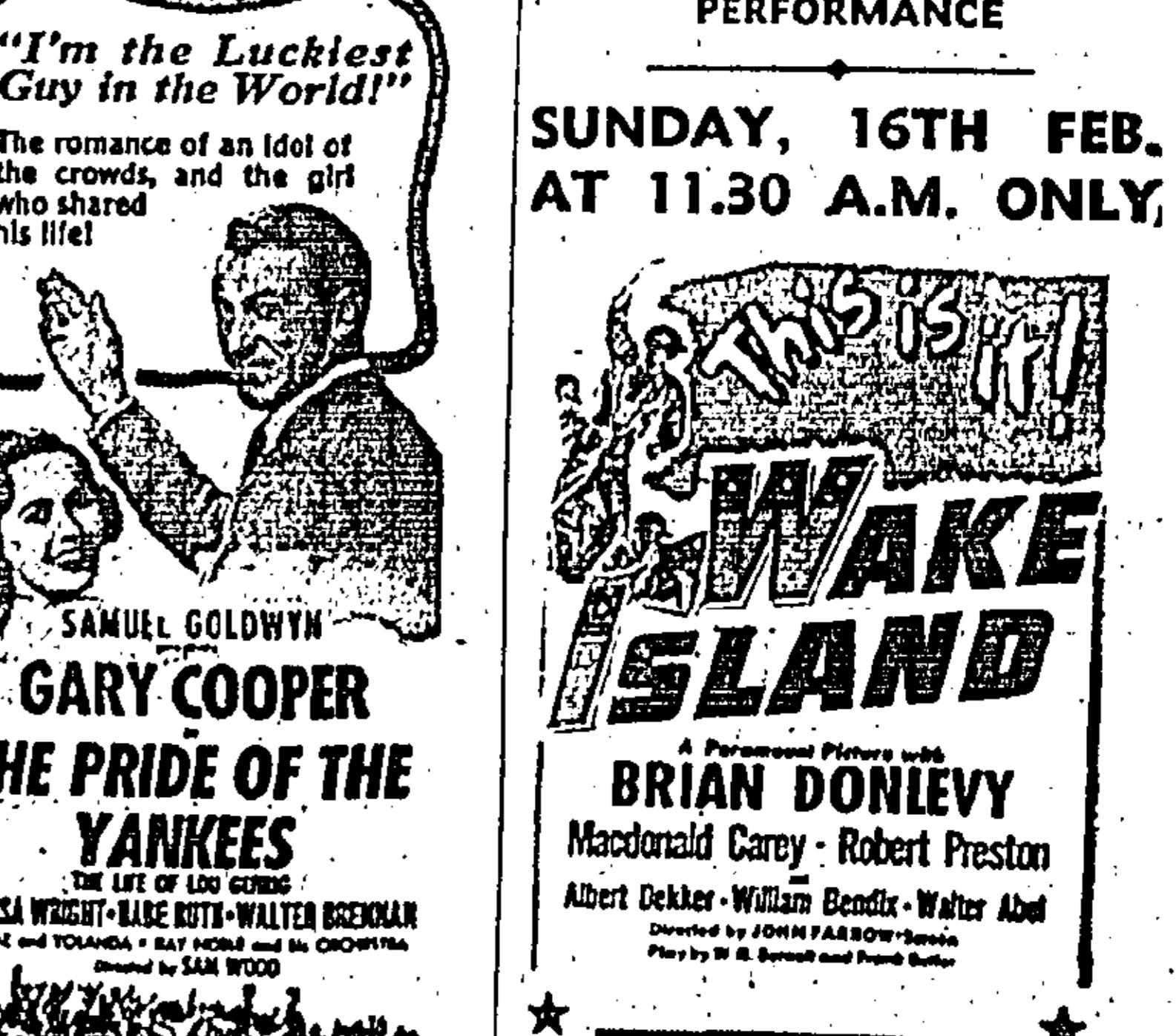
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### Air Displays In United Kingdom

A million people in the United Kingdom are expected to witness displays by the latest aircraft—from jet-propelled fighters to helicopters—and flying displays at the biggest aviation exhibition and flying display yet held in Britain's provinces.

This will take place near Blackpool, the North of England holiday resort, on three consecutive Wednesdays in July, staged by the Air League of the British Empire.

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# Big 4 Deputies Argue Procedure Memorandum

## Strike Spreads In Rangoon

Rangoon, Feb. 13. Strikers carrying the Anti-Fascist Peoples' Freedom League flags to-day picketed Rangoon banks as about 2,000 bank clerks joined strike-bound labourers and commercial firms' employees, estimated at 40,000.

Early this afternoon all banks in the city shut their doors, displaying a notice that the day had been declared a bank holiday.

The Burma Police Union is holding a conference tomorrow to decide its policy towards the strike.—Reuter.

## TRADE WITH CHINA NEARS STANDSTILL

San Francisco, Feb. 14. Harry Radcliffe, executive secretary of the National Council of American Importers, said yesterday that fluctuations of the Chinese dollar had brought American trade with China to a virtual standstill.

Imports are the hardest hit, with American firms cancelling orders generally until they get their bearings, he said. Reflections are expected to be seen within a week on reduction of shipping to the Orient, unless the yuan is firmly pegged.

"All we can do is to hope the Chinese Government recognises that the American dollar has three different values in China," he added. Values he listed were the official rate of exchange of 3,550 to one, the export value of twice the official rate established last week and the third, black market price of 13,000 to one.

Other factors restricting trade, he said, are the Chinese Government's foreign purchase order limiting import purchases to \$2,000 worth of goods and the 50 percent surcharge to provide funds for export subsidy established last week.—Associated Press.

## ITALY:

## Argentine Move Splits Press

Rome, Feb. 13. The Italian press registered a sharp split to-day on Argentina's refusal to honour the Italian peace treaty clause concerning Italian property for Allied reparation.

The monarchist paper, *Italia Mouna*, alone among the morning newspapers played up the Argentine statement with the headline, "Treaty that satisfies no one—Argentina will not tolerate sequestration of Italian property."

Other papers on the extreme Right displayed the announcement prominently, while independent centre newspapers gave it cursory mention in round-ups. The Communist paper, *Unità*, and the Socialist organ, *Avanti*, did not publish the announcement.

The Foreign Office refused to comment to-day and there were no press editorials on the subject.—United Press.

## U.S. Democratic Line-Up

Washington, Feb. 13. Gael Sullivan, aged 42, World War II combat veteran and until yesterday Second Assistant Postmaster-General, became to-day executive director of the Democratic National Committee.

The new personality in the Democratic headquarters is expected to pressurise quick opening of the campaign to give President Truman another term in the White House. The move follows less than a week after National Chairman Robert Hannigan asserted that Truman is the choice of the Democrats for candidate next year.—Associated Press.

## BOY SURVIVOR OF AIR CRASH

London, Feb. 13. A 13-year-old boy from Shanghai, Richard Jeremy Spink, arrived from Hongkong at Poole Harbour by BOAC flying boat to-day.

He was thrown into the sea from a wrecked Far Eastern airline aircraft near Luzon, spent 17 hours in the water, was rescued and taken to Manila by American transport, then taken to Shanghai by a sailing ship, finally a week ago caught a BOAC flying boat which has brought him to England.

He is the son of a Shanghai Gas Company official and he has come to England to complete his education at a preparatory school before going to college.—Reuter.

London, Feb. 13. The deputies to the Council of Foreign Ministers for Germany to-day continued the debate started yesterday on the latest Soviet memorandum on procedure for the making of peace with Germany.

To-day's very lengthy session was almost entirely devoted to the effort to elucidate the exact meaning of those parts of the Russian memorandum which distinguish between "directly interested Allied powers" and "speculatively interested Allied powers" and the degree of consultation to be accorded to each by the Big Four. The exact function of the standing committee proposed by the Russian memorandum was also the subject of detailed questions to the Soviet deputy, Mr Fedor Gusev.

Amplification of Denmark's written memorandum on Germany was presented at the beginning of to-day's session by the Danish Minister in London, Count Reventlow, and consisted of a brief oral statement. The only questions put by the deputies to the Danish delegation were asked by the American deputy, Mr Robert Murphy, and concerned economic subjects. They were answered by the Danish commercial councillor in London, Mr Veelbirk.

Asked what reparations from current production Denmark would claim from Germany he listed coal as his country's first requirement and stated that Denmark had now only 50 percent of her pre-war coal consumption available to her. Among other items he gave fertiliser for agriculture, machine tools, iron and steel. He recited that more than half of Denmark's pre-war consumption of steel of 400,000 tons per annum was supplied by Germany.

Asked by Mr Murphy whether Denmark adhered to the principle of self-determination, the Danish Minister replied that she did in all circumstances.

### GUSEV INTERROGATED

After the Danish delegates had withdrawn, the deputies plunged straight into detailed discussion of the

Russian memorandum on procedure.

The British deputy, Sir William Strang, subjected Mr Gusev to a close but friendly interrogation on the salient points of the Soviet memorandum. The British deputy sought closer definition of the word "consultation" in the paragraph dealing with the function of the standing committee. For instance, would the Allied powers be consulted singly or together, and if together could one Allied power ask questions on statements made by another Allied power.

Mr Gusev replied that if the Ministers, or their deputies, after considering memoranda already deposited by the Allied powers felt that they wanted more information they would invite any power to come before the standing committee and give that information.

### UNAGREED PHRASES

Meanwhile, the special deputies for Austria to-day completed their consideration of the report of the political sub-committee on the political section of the Austrian treaty. In most cases they agreed that the clauses still containing unagreed phrases should be passed on for final decision to the Council of Foreign Ministers with these phrases in brackets.

Among the points on which there is still disagreement are the question of banning Pan-German propaganda and propaganda hostile to the United Nations. The United States criticised both these phrases on the grounds of freedom of speech.—Reuter.

## COLLIER FOUNDERS IN GALE-16 THOUGHT DEAD

Waterford, Eire, Feb. 13. Sixteen seamen are missing and believed dead from exposure after four freezing days and nights in two life-boats off the Waterford coast, a survivor of the wreck of the collier Ary said to-day.

The collier Ary foundered in a gale on Saturday when nearing Waterford and the men took to the boats. Jan Bouski, 19, a Pole, was washed ashore in one lifeboat and said eight who had been with him had died and had been buried at sea. Another lifeboat carrying eight persons had disappeared.

Bouski was suffering from exposure and was so exhausted that his story was barely coherent. He was taken to Dungarvan Hospital here where morphine injections were given him to alleviate the pain of frost-bite which he was suffering.

The Ary was reported overdue by Lloyd's yesterday. It was owned by the British Transport Ministry and came from Port Talbot, Glamorganshire.

Bouski was washed ashore at Mine Head on the Waterford coast. He made his way to a farmhouse and then was taken to hospital.—United Press.

## CZECH PLANE CRASHES

Prague, Feb. 13. The crew of three were killed when a Czech Air Lines Dakota crashed near Kralovice to-day shortly after taking off from Ruzyno airfield near Prague.

The plane caught fire on crashing. It had not yet been put on the regular service.

An inquiry into the cause of the disaster has been ordered.—Reuter.

## NAGA HILLMEN WARNED

New Delhi, Feb. 13. Naga tribesmen in Assam, who helped the 14th Army intelligence service in the Burma war against Japan have "collected" 315 heads in head-hunting operations since the end of the Far East war, Mr Pandit Nehru said here to-day.

Stern warnings were being sent to the offending villages on both sides of the Assam-Burma border, saying that further head-hunting raids would result in punitive action being taken against the offenders, he added.—Reuter.

## Eire Gives Food To Austria

London, Feb. 13. A gift from Eire to Austria of 570 tons of Argentine beef and 2,000 live head of cattle was at a London food station to-day handed over to Dr. Schmidt, representative of the Austrian Government in London by the Eire High Commissioner, Mr John Dulany.

The meat is contained in twelve refrigeration wagons, and will not be removed from them until it reaches Vienna.—Reuter.

## American Protest Over British Film Quota

Hollywood, Feb. 14. Eric Johnston, president of the Motion Picture Association of America, said that further British restrictions against American pictures would injure the British industry as well as Hollywood producers.

Johnston, reporting to 590 top studio executives on his recent trip to England, pointed out

that the United States has no tariff or other barriers against importation of foreign films.

"An increased quota in England would breed quotas in other countries," he said. "Every country with a struggling film industry would follow the British example and instead of England finding an expanding trend overseas for her films, she would meet with increased resistance."

"Further restrictions of any kind would constitute picket fences across the path of expanding world trade. The motion picture industry, to be profitable, needs a world market. This is as true of the British industry as the American industry," he said.

Johnston deplored the action of the British Film Producers' Association in proposing legislation that would decree the playing time of American-made pictures in British screens and required British exhibitors to increase bookings of English films.—Associated Press.

## British MP Missing On Trip To Greece

Athens, Feb. 12. Nothing has been heard of the British Labour MP, Mr T. G. Thomas, since he was believed to have entered guerrilla-held territory in Thessaly, four days ago.

A British Embassy spokesman here to-night said he did not know Thomas' whereabouts.

Mr Thomas, who came to Greece last month primarily to give evidence for the defence in the trial of members of a Left Wing organisation, was advised a week ago by the British Military Mission that they could not guarantee his safety if he tried to contact the guerrillas.

Thomas, who is a Welshman from Rhondda, is 38. Last July he headed the British Youth Delegation to Warsaw to attend the Polish Youth Conference.—Reuter.

## DRIVE ON TO OPEN JAPAN WORLD TRADE

By MORRIS HARRIS

(Associated Press Staff Correspondent)

Washington, Feb. 13.

The Allied nations, conquerors of Japan are considering opening that nation again to private traders.

When and how remains to be decided, but the proposal is up before the Inter-Allied Trade Board here. That body, made up of Far East Commission nations, is trying to work out details, but there are many difficulties.

It is likely to be some time before international salesmen are again walking down ocean liners' gangplanks at Yokohama, Kobe and other Japanese commercial gateways.

men with investments in Japan would be permitted to go there "within the very near future" to visit and inspect facilities, but that it would be in a "system of rotation" such as was used in Germany.

The source added that he believed persons wishing to go to Japan "to purchase goods for export would be able to do so by the end of this year" but that depended on developments.

Commenting on a report from London that British businessmen sought to return to take up normal pursuits there, the source said there was simply "no indication as to just when that would be possible on a permanent basis." He said negotiations were going on here between the British and the State Department, and the State Department was also discussing the matter with General MacArthur.—United Press.

## U.N. ARMED FORCES

### STAFF COMMITTEE TO REPORT

Lake Success, Feb. 13.

Britain this evening urged the United Nations Security Council to take action to stop the delay in the Military Staff Committee, which has been discussing the organising of the United Nations armed forces since it was set up a year ago.

Sir Alexander Cadogan urged that the Council should call on the committee to produce a report of its activities not later than April 30.

France supported the proposal, but the Soviet delegate, Mr Andre Grzymko, opposed the setting of any time limit.

The British amendment asking for the Military Staff Committee to report before April 30 was passed with nine votes in favour and the Soviet and Polish delegations abstaining.

The Council then voted on the Disarmament Commission resolution to a whole and this was passed by ten votes, only Russia abstaining and not invoking the veto.

Passage of to-day's resolution formally creates a special United Nations Commission to be known as Commission for Conventional Armaments, with the task of studying the regulation and reduction of armaments, not including atomic weapons.

Mr Grzymko stated that he was prepared to make a statement to-morrow and the Council then adjourned.—Reuter.

### ENTRY OF BRITONS

Washington, Feb. 13.

A State Department source said to-day that there was a "good possibility" that British and other business

## Two Men Face Murder Trial

London, Feb. 13.

Protesting their innocence Thomas John Ley, a 60-year-old Company director and former New South Wales Minister of Justice, and Lawrence John Smith, (38) a London joiner, were at a West London police court to-day committed for trial at the Central Criminal Court charged with the murder of John MacBain Mudie, a 35-year-old Regent Hotel barman whose body was found in a Surrey chalk-pit last November.

Both pleaded not guilty and reserved their defence after the defence submission that no cause had been established against Ley had been rejected by the court.

Doctor Eric Gardner, the pathologist who examined Mudie's body in the trench in the chalk-pit identified pieces of rope which were found on the body.

Some had been used for trussing, he said, and one piece which was in a noose round the neck had caused death by asphyxia.—Reuter.

## THREAT TO BLOW UP EMBASSY

Buenos Aires, Feb. 13.

The threat that the British Embassy here would be blown up this afternoon was made shortly after lunch by an unknown person, who called the Embassy from a public phone booth and who described himself as a Jew.

The Embassy informed the Buenos Aires police of the call and carried on work as usual.—Reuter.

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## PRINCE TO "SCOOP" WORLD

The Hague, Feb. 13.

Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands, conqueror of the world with pictures of the new Dutch Royal baby, expected to be born at Soest-Huik Palace any day.

He is anxious to avoid what happened at the time of the birth of Princess Beatrix, his first child, when some British newspapers over-bubbled the Dutch press were able to publish photographs first.

The Prince will take photographs himself. The negatives will be taken under heavy escort to the Court Photographer. A detective will guard the dark room while they are being developed.

Prints will then be taken by the police to Amsterdam where they will be issued to the foreign press under a 24 hour embargo. This will mean that no pictures will appear until 36 hours after birth.—Reuter.

Gen Hodge To Report

Seoul, Feb. 13.

Lieut-General John R. Hodge, commander of the United States occupation forces in Korea, said he will leave by air to-morrow for Washington to confer on Korean affairs.

He told a group of newspapermen that he had been called to Washington. He is expected to return in about a month after his first visit to the United States in five years.

Major-General Albert E. Brown, head of the U.S. delegation to the U.S.-Soviet Joint Commissions, will be in charge during Hodge's absence.—Associated Press

## Wold Skating Contest

Stockholm, Feb. 13.

At the end of the morning session of the men's compulsory figures section of the world figure skating championships which opened here to-day, Hans Gerschweiler (Switzerland) led with 403.7 points.

Richard Button (United States) stood second with 453.7 points, Arthur Apfel (Britain) was third with 424.5 points and Vladislav Cap (Czechoslovakia) was fourth with 414.9 points.